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## DOD threat specialists conduct assessment at FSH April 24-29

A team of specialists from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency visits Fort Sam Houston April 24 through 29 to evaluate the installation's ability to deter and/or respond to a terrorist incident.

According to Samuel Meta, Installation Antiterrorism Officer with the 502nd Security Forces Squadron, the objective of the Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment team is to assist the 502nd Mission Support Group commander with the installation's antiterrorism program.

The 12 DTRA members will assess areas ranging from risk management to emergency management, which includes antiterrorism plans, physical security, infrastructure engineering, training and exercises, resource application, program review, consequence analysis, and security operations.

"Each squadron within the 502nd MSG will be observed as to how they support the antiterrorism

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## ARNORTH ASSISTS JAPAN EVACUEES

Lt. Col. Carrie Acree, emergency preparedness liaison officer, U.S. Army North, holds 5-week-old Adrian Morant while his mother gets situated at the Denver International Airport aerial port of debarkation March 24. More than 140 military family members from Japan flew into DIA as part of Operation Pacific Passage, a voluntary departure operation that began after the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan March 11. See story and more photos, page 17.

Photo by  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Doscher



Photo by Susan A. Merkner

Workers put finishing touches on the BAMC parking complex

## BAMC parking complex opens in phases starting April 4

By Susan A. Merkner  
Medical BRAC Public Affairs

Brooke Army Medical Center employees will begin using a new, six-level parking complex beginning April 4 as access is phased in over the next three weeks.

The satellite parking lots at Fort Sam Houston will be closed incrementally as access to the new parking garage is phased in, according to the BAMC Provost Marshal Office.

Patients and visitors will continue to have access to valet parking services and the surface lots closest to the hospital.

Motorcycle parking for employees, patients and visitors moved

March 21 to the rear of lot C, behind the BAMC annex. Rawley Chambers Road was opened to two-way traffic March 22, providing an alternative route for ambulances arriving at the hospital.

Employee access to the new parking complex will be controlled temporarily through parking decals, which have been distributed to employees boarding shuttle buses at the Fort Sam satellite lots by Provost Marshal Office staff.

Employees will enter the garage from the Binz-Engleman access control gate in the morning. As they leave in the afternoon, they will exit through the Binz-Engleman gate if they are driving toward Fort Sam, Interstate 35

South or FM 78.

Those heading for I-35 North should use Rawley Chambers Road and exit the medical center campus from the I-35 access control gate.

"Security guards will check for decals at the garage entrance," said John Randecker, Traffic, BAMC Provost Marshal Office. "Guards also will enforce access to first-floor parking, which is reserved as overflow for patients and visitors only."

The new parking complex initially will be staffed from 6:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Opening times will be gradually adjusted

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# 502nd MSG commander speaks at USAMITC commander's call

By Kenneth Blair Hogue  
USAMITC Public Affairs

Sharing her vision of what she sees for Fort Sam Houston in the future, Col. Mary Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander, recently spoke about the group's mission, quality of life, and the setting of higher command objectives that balance out together strategically during the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center Commander's Call.

Garr highlighted several areas, such as the move in strategizing and executing comprehensive plans as a command mission partner, results from the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission and its impact on the growth and economy of Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio.

"During the BRAC of 2005, we were waiting to see whether San Antonio would be a big winner or a big loser," the colonel said. "Looking back, I think we all know how that turned out; San Antonio ended up a big winner."

She also spoke about Fort Sam Houston's history and the many past and ongoing renovations; giving examples during this portion of her presentation of how older buildings have been re-adapted for present and future missions.

One of the aspects she emphasized during her presentation was that all military medical training, to include the Air Force and the Navy, are now jointly trained at Fort Sam Houston.

"Over one billion dollars in contracts were



Photo by Larry Crepeau

USAMITC commander Lt. Col. Beverly Beavers presents 502nd MSG commander Col. Mary Garr with a certificate of appreciation and a commander's coin. Garr was a guest speaker at the unit's commander's call recently.

awarded just for San Antonio in support of construction projects related to this expansion," Garr said. "This also pertained to construction taking place around the base to accommodate Fort Sam Houston's and Brooke Army Medical Center's mission expansion."

Garr later talked

about how committed the Army is to joint basing, and then touched on a few joint base initiatives.

"With the mission expanding, the challenge to keep up with quality of life concerns and continuing movements is indeed a tough and ongoing challenge," the colonel said.

## Weekly Weather Watch

	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 5
San Antonio Texas	87° Partly Cloudy	91° Sunny	83° Partly Cloudy	90° Partly Cloudy	87° Partly Cloudy	79° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	64° Sunny	59° Showers	61° Sunny	62° Sunny	63° Sunny	67° Sunny
Baghdad Iraq	87° Sunny	90° Sunny	92° Partly Cloudy	94° Partly Cloudy	90° Mostly Sunny	83° Partly Cloudy

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)



## News Briefs

### Tree Planting Event

As part of Earth Day/Month activities Joint Base San Antonio participants are encouraged to attend the City 9,000 Tree Initiative Planting event April 1 from 8-11 a.m. in San Pedro Park. The campaign features the planting of trees in more than 80 city parks. Visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov> for information.

### 56th Signal Brigade Uncasing Ceremony

An uncasing ceremony for the 56th Signal Brigade will be held April 1 at 10 a.m. at FSH flagpole.

### 418th MEDLOG Co. Change of Command

A change of command ceremony for the 418th Medical Logistics Company will be held April 1 at 1 p.m. at the FSH flagpole.

### LMH Closure

Lincoln Military Housing offices will be closed April 8 in order for the staff to attend their corporate awards presentation.

### Army Officer Candidate School

The 502nd Force Support Squadron, Military Personnel Branch will conduct an Army Officer Candidate School structure interview board May 20 at 8 a.m. in Building 2263 Stanley Road, Room 117B. Soldiers must have a bachelor degree and 35 years old or younger, no exceptions. For a complete listing and checklist of the OCS requirements and forms, visit <https://www.hrcapps.army.mil/site/protect/branches/officer/Operations/Accessions/OCS/index.htm>. Packets must be submitted by May 11. Call 221-0885 or 221-0995 for information.

### Speed Limit around Wilford Hall

The posted speed limit for roads around Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base is now 20 mph. Call the 59th Medical Wing Safety Office at 292-7233 for more information.

### Tax Centers Taking Appointments

The Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Center and the satellite tax center at Brooke Army Medical Center are open. Active

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# JBSA partners with area school districts

By Shannon Carabajal  
Lackland AFB Public Affairs

Joint Base San Antonio senior leaders and school superintendents from three counties joined forces to create a partnership benefiting school children and making a positive impact on the community during a ceremony March 24 at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club.

Reaching more than 20,000 children across 23 local school districts, the multifaceted Destination Tomorrow's Leaders program ensures every student, regardless of home environment, has at least one positive role model. The largest components of DTL are the Adopt-A-Classroom and mentoring programs.

The program aims to improve academic achievement, self-esteem and social compe-

tence while avoiding problem and high-risk behavior by providing a relationship with a caring adult friend working to help youth achieve their potential.

Superintendents from 10 San Antonio area school districts signed a declaration during the ceremony pledging their support to DTL.

Keith Toney, a Fort Sam Houston school liaison officer, said bringing everybody together was an important milestone.

"Our local education agencies have a long history of supporting our military children. By signing this declaration, they are agreeing to (adopt) policies and practices inherent in the DTL program" which will lead to a more consistent and uniform mentoring program benefiting all children, Toney said.

"I am thrilled that this new partnership will allow our relationship with the military to grow even deeper and serve so many more students," said Dr. John M. Folks, superintendent of Northside Independent School District. He added that children in San Antonio face many challenges which can affect school performance.

"Unfortunately, we have many students who, for a number of reasons, don't get to spend a lot of quality time with their parents. Many students live in single-parent homes or with grandparents or other relatives," Folks said.

"A lot of our families are struggling financially and parents work multiple jobs just to pay for basic necessities. This can make a child feel very unsettled, which in turn affects their behavior and their grades at school," the NISD

superintendent added.

Having positive role models, especially from the military, will help students in the district overcome those challenges, Folks said.

"I can't think of a better role model and mentor for our students than a member of the military. This program has the potential to make an enormous impact on our students and their futures," Folks said.

Research shows that just 15 minutes a day of positive contact with an adult makes students feel centered and cared about and increases their self-esteem, reduces their stress and gives them a sense of belonging. This in turn helps young people avoid making risky or dangerous choices," he said.

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## Military Fiesta Events

### Viva Fiesta Brigade Run (PT uniform)

April 1, 5 to 6:15 a.m., MacArthur Parade Field  
Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.,  
Rocco Dining Facility

### Fiesta Fiesta

April 7, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Alamo Plaza

### Fort Sam Houston Fiesta Ceremony and Fireworks Extravaganza

April 10, 1 to 9 p.m.  
Fort Sam Houston - MacArthur Field  
1-1:45 p.m.: Center Stage Academy  
1:45-2 p.m.: Stage announcements  
2-2:45 p.m.: Boogie Back to Texas  
2:45-3:15 p.m.: Kazamba Drum & Dance Group  
3:15-4:45 p.m.: Radio Disney  
4:45-5:30 p.m. Navy Band  
5:30-6:45 p.m.: Military ceremony  
6:45-7:15 p.m.: Stage an-

nouncements/prize giveaways  
7:15-9 p.m.: Army Medical Command Band  
9-9:15 p.m.: Fireworks display (at dusk)

### Air Force at the Alamo

April 11, 11 a.m. to noon  
Alamo Plaza

### Pilgrimage to the Alamo

April 11, 4 to 5 p.m.  
Alamo Plaza

### Texas Cavaliers River Parade

April 11, 7 to 9:30 p.m.  
San Antonio River Walk

### Fiesta in Blue - Air Force Musical Extravaganza

April 12, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Trinity University - Laurie Auditorium, 715 Stadium Drive

### Lackland Fiesta Military Parade

April 13, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Lackland AFB Parade Grounds

### Fiesta in Blue - Air Force



### Musical Extravaganza

April 13, 7 to 9 p.m.  
Trinity University - Laurie Auditorium, 715 Stadium Drive

### Navy Day at the Alamo

April 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Alamo Plaza

### Marines at the Alamo

April 14, 4 to 5: p.m.  
Alamo Plaza

### Navy Fiesta Reception

April 14, 6 to 9:30 p.m.  
Fort Sam Houston Golf Club-house

### 2901 Harry Wurzbach Highway

### Battle of Flowers Parade

April 15, 12:45 to 4 p.m.  
Parade Route

### Fiesta Flambeau Parade

April 16, 7:45 to 11 p.m.  
Parade Route

### All Veterans Memorial Service

April 17, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Veterans Square Auditorium Circle  
Jefferson Street at East Martin



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duty service members, their Family members and military retirees are eligible for free tax preparation services. The FSH main location at 2272 Rattlesnake Rd. is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment only, call 295-1040. The BMC location is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., by appointment only, call 916-1040.

### New Form to Request Systems Access

The Fort Sam Houston Network Enterprise Center is now using DD Form 2875 to request systems access (network services). The local CSFS 394 customer service form was used for managing systems operations; i.e. User Account Requests, Blackberry User Agreements, Computer User Agreements and Infrastructure Move Requests. The NEC will no longer accept the local CSFS 394 to request network services. People can access blank DD form 2875 in the Pure Edge forms folder. An example Adobe form may also be accessed through the NEC website and includes additional information that may be required to process the request. The example is located at [http://fsh-intranet.amedd.army.mil/nec/documents/forms/DD2875\\_NetworkAcct\\_3-11-11.pdf](http://fsh-intranet.amedd.army.mil/nec/documents/forms/DD2875_NetworkAcct_3-11-11.pdf). Call the NEC Help Desk at 221-HELP or 221-4357 for more information.

### FSHSD Board of Trustees Nominations

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District is accepting nominations for three positions on the Board of Trustees. Nominees for the Board of Trustees may be a service member, military Family member or a civilian employee residing or employed on Fort Sam Houston. Nominees should have an anticipated retention date at this location through July 20, 2013; be a registered voter in the state of Texas and have been a resident in the state of Texas for 12 months on or before July 20. Individuals nominated must volunteer and be willing to serve on the Board of Trustees without pay. Nominees must submit their resume and memorandum by close of business April 22. For more information, call 295-4806.

# Texas state senator speaks at Women's History Month celebration

By Lori Newman  
SH News Leader

Fort Sam Houston celebrated women's history March 25 during a ceremony at the Middle School Teen Center.

"Today, I think we have reached the point – I hope we have reached the point – where we just accept that women are a part of the team and do all the things that men have done throughout the history of our country," said Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North, in his opening remarks.

"I for one am very proud of the way we have done that as an Army and as a military," the general said. "Today, we have female members of our team commanding in combat operations around the world."

"Those people that still maintain women should not be in combat do not understand the nature of warfare today," Swan added. "Combat has come to our female Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, and they have preformed magnificently under fire and in some cases are highly decorated; and many, many have paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Texas State Senator Leticia Van de Putte was the guest speaker at the event.

Van de Putte spoke about what it was like growing up in Texas. A 1973 graduate of San Antonio's Thomas Jefferson High School, she received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Texas at Austin's College of Pharmacy.

"In the 60s in Texas – and in most states – your ninth-grade



Photo by Lori Newman

Charles Shelby (center) presents Texas State Senator Leticia Van de Putte a token of appreciation for speaking at the Fort Sam Houston Women's History Month celebration March 25 at the Middle School Teen Center as Lt. Gen. Guy Swan applauds (left).

math class for girls was home economics," Van de Putte said. "We learned fractions and how to balance the check book, and that was important."

"But, if you didn't take algebra I in ninth grade there was no chance you could take

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## Budge Dental Clinic gets \$15 million upgrade, expansion

By Esther Garcia  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held March 25 officially opened the doors of the newly renovated and expanded Budge Dental Clinic.

"This project was five years in the planning," said Col. Craig Willard, commander of the Fort Sam Houston Dental Activity. "I'm told this is now the sixth largest dental clinic in the Army dental inventory."

The clinic was initially opened in 1982 at a cost of \$2,000,000. The expansion and renovation project was a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations, cost more than \$15,000,000 to complete and enlarged the clinic by 5,000 square foot to a total size of 21,000 square feet.

"The enlargement will support the population spike to Fort Sam Houston as a result of the BRAC," Willard said.

Willard said by 2013, the Budge clinic will be supporting units with populations



Photo by Esther Garcia

(From left) Col. Precilla Hamilton, Connie Chaves, Sgt. 1st Class David Weinell, Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North, Col. Gordon Woollard, officer in charge, Budge Dental Clinic, and Staff Sgt. Jamaal Bowen cut the ribbon March 25, officially opening the Budge Dental Clinic following the renovation and expansion of the facility.

totaling nearly 16,000 service members. Many of these beneficiaries will be the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen who will graduate each year from the Medical Education and Training Campus.

The new clinic is now a modern facility with 44 dental treatment rooms, furnished with state-of-the-art dental equipment. The original clinic had 24 treatment rooms before the expansion.

In addition to general dentistry, the clinic will provide prosthodontic, endodontic and comprehensive dentistry specialty care.

"This facility provides the means for the Fort Sam Houston Dental Activity to provide state-of-the-art dental treatment with efficient dental care optimization to the fine military personnel at this joint post," Willard said.

The Budge Dental Clinic was

named after Brig. Gen. Claire Budge, who entered the Army in 1938 after earning a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Oregon University School of Dentistry.

Budge served as chief of numerous dental services in the United States and overseas. He served in World War II, the China-Burma-India Theater where he was responsible for designing the Chinese Army's field dental kit, and when supplies from the states were unavailable he improvised using substitutes from local materials.

Budge also organized airborne dental teams to take care of American servicemen located in isolated areas. In January 1966, Budge's finished his career at Brooke Army Medical Center as director of the dental activities. "This complex will allow our dental activity to fulfill the dental command philosophy, which is to provide warrior-focused oral health care with an exceptional team of professionals dedicated to excellence and unified service," Willard said.





# Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month events raise awareness

The Department of Defense and Fort Sam Houston officially recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence through the use of special events and public education.

“Hurts One, Affects All,” conveys the message that sexual assault not only affects the victim, it also affects the military’s ability to achieve readiness.

“Active duty military, family members and civilians are encouraged to take a stand against sexual assault. Preventing sexual sssault is

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

everyone’s duty,” said Dr. Charlotte Moerbe, 502nd Air Base Wing sexual assault response coordinator. “This needs to be encouraged not just during the month of April but throughout the year.”

A number of events throughout the month of April have been planned to educate the public and make them aware of the atrocity of sexual assault.

Dr. Christopher Kilmartin, a college professor, author, stand-up

comedian, actor, playwright, consultant and professional psychologist presents “Leadership and Sexual Assault Prevention” at the following locations:

April 4: 8 to 9:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797; 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wood Auditorium, MEDCOM and 3 to 4:30 p.m., BAMC Auditorium

April 5: 10 to 11:30 a.m., Randolph Air Force Base Theater, 2 to 3:30 p.m., IAAFA Auditorium,

Lackland AFB

Kilmartin is a professor of psychology at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. He holds a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a licensed clinical psychologist experienced in consulting with businesses, college students, human services workers, and counselors.

In recognition of SAAM, Joint Base San Antonio will hold a kick-off ceremony at 10:30 a.m. April 5 at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, Stanley Road.

Brig. Gen. Len Patrick,

502nd Air Base Wing commander, will read the SAAM proclamation. Lt. Gen. Guy C. Swan III, commanding general, U.S. Army North, will be the guest speaker. The event will conclude with a survivor testimonial and candlelight vigil.

For more information, call the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office at 221-0598 or 808-0110.

“Sex Signals,” a real-life, funny, sort-of-improv show about dating and other stuff, will be presented April 18-23 at various locations throughout Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-

0918/2418/2705.

Also, a 5K Run Against Sexual Assault and Child Abuse will be held April 23 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Sign-up is at 8:45 a.m., run begins at 9 a.m. Free T-shirts and water will be provided for runners. Call 295-0667, for more information.

To report a sexual assault, call the Fort Sam Houston Crisis Hotline at 722-4920.

*(Source: 502nd Air Base Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office and the Army Support Activity SAPR Office)*

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program as well as all mission partners and tenant organizations," Mata said.

The team's goal is to identify vulnerabilities and to provide commanders with recommendations on how to remediate or mitigate the risk of terrorist activity.

"Members of the team will be active throughout the installation," Meta added. "People shouldn't be surprised if a member of the team approaches them at random and ask them questions about topics such as the installation force protection condition."

Each JVisA team member will have a readily identifiable badge for immediate verification.

DTRA officials said the team members will look at several key areas

during the visit. These areas include:

- A terrorist operations specialist will look at current threats and force protection conditions, the threat assessment process and operations security.

- Security operations specialists will collect information through interviews with key physical security and force protection personnel. They also review operational plans, personal protection procedures and security forces manning, training and equipment.

- A structural engineer will work with base engineers and planners, to perform quantitative analysis of selected facilities.

- An infrastructure engineer focuses on the potential for terrorist incidents involving fires, base utilities and environmental programs.

- Yet another team member targets the installation's emergency management and preparedness to respond appropriately to a terrorist attack involving a number of different scenarios.

The installation's success during the assessment will be in large part a reflection of how well each organization perceives its role in protecting this installation.

"Ultimately, our goal is a day-to-day focus on force protection that prepares us not only for an assessment, but also for the far more important task of protecting our irreplaceable people and equipment and preserving our ability to execute the installation's mission," said 502nd MSG commander, Col. Mary Garr.

For more information on the JSIVA, call 221-9460.

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school liaison officers will match JBSA members and organizations with local schools requesting mentors or Adopt-A-Classroom participants. The program is based on the time-tested adage that every child counts, said Lori Phipps, Lackland school liaison officer.

"Our military members are investing in the future of our society. It makes a difference, a difference that for a child in school can boost grades, improve discipline and enable the ability to interact socially," Phipps said.

"There is always that one person who made a difference in our lives and this is our opportunity to be that person.

Cindy Ybanez, also a Fort Sam Houston school liaison officer, said DTL extends beyond academ-

**"Our local education agencies have a long history of supporting our military children. By signing this declaration, they are agreeing to (adopt) policies and practices inherent in the DTL program"**

*Keith Toney,  
Fort Sam Houston school liaison officer*

ics to reach students on a personal level.

"It will be a proactive approach to mentoring, allowing the student and the mentor to discuss issues (important) to the student. Studies have shown that a large and growing segment of our youth lack a caring, responsible adult in their lives. DTL can help fill that void,"

Ybanez said.

For more information, or to participate in a mentoring or classroom adoption program, contact one of the JBSA school liaison officers:

Lackland AFB: call 671-3722

Randolph AFB: call 652-3060

Fort Sam Houston: call 221-2256/2214.

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earlier to accommodate traffic during the first month of operation.

Employees who work night and weekend shifts will continue to use surface parking lots, according to the Provost Marshal Office.

Initially, only one access point in and out of the garage will be open due to nearby construction, Randecker said, but the second entrance/exit should be available around July 15 when the nearby construction bubble is expected to be removed.

“Disabled employees are encouraged to continue using the Archery Range parking lot and shuttle-bus service due to safety and traffic concerns related to navigating the sidewalks connecting the parking complex to the hospital,” Randecker added.



After usage is phased in, the BAMC parking complex will provide space for 5,000 vehicles.

Until the pedestrian overpass bridge opens in July, those using the new parking garage are asked to use the temporary sidewalk installed at the Binz-Engleman gate side of the parking garage, according to the PMO.

“Employees will appreciate the convenience of the new parking complex as access is phased in over the next several

weeks,” said BAMC Provost Marshal James L. Hobson Jr.

“They have patiently used the shuttle-bus system to allow safe access to the hospital parking lots for patients and visitors, and their commuting times will be reduced now,” Hobson said. “Employees will find the new parking complex is a state-of-the-art facility in terms

of design and safety.”

The new parking complex features six elevators, emergency telephones and more than 2,000 security cameras that are monitored around the clock.

The ceiling height inside the garage is 7 feet, except for the 8-foot-2-

inch pathway from the level one east and west garage entrances to the disabled-services van parking spaces, Hobson said.

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law called for the relocation of inpatient medical functions from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base to BAMC at Fort Sam Houston. The

new parking structure was built to provide space for the additional employees and patients arriving as part of BRAC changes.

Clark/Hunt, which began construction on the 1.8 million-square-foot, 5,000-space parking complex in March 2009, is scheduled to hand over the facility to the military on March 31. A construction bubble, or fenced-off area, was created to separate the patient-care area from the construction area as work began on the garage, consolidated tower and central energy plant.

To provide for the safety and convenience of BAMC patients and staff, surface lots closest to the hospital were assigned to patients and visitors. Hospital employee parking was moved to five satellite lots on Fort Sam Houston, with a fleet of 18 shuttle buses providing round-trip service beginning in early 2009.

Shuttle service will be phased out between now



The BAMC parking complex will open for employee use in phases beginning April 4.

and September as the Fort Sam satellite lots are closed, Randecker said.

Valet parking for patients is available 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the medical mall entrance. Patients and visitors should enter through the I-35 access control gate.

Additional patient parking is available in lots A and B, accessible by using the Binz-Engleman gate, and lot D, accessible from the I-35 gate.

For information, call the Provost Marshal Office at 916-1493.



Photos by Susan A. Merkner

Workers on the top level of the BAMC parking complex prepare for its April 4 opening.



# Quick actions by medics save Soldier's life

By Esther Garcia  
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

Combat medics from Delta Company, 232nd Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, jumped into high gear March 23 when one of their student Soldiers suddenly collapsed, started having seizures and stopped breathing.

The quick thinking and actions by Staff Sgt. David Dunlap, Staff Sgt. Philip McCaffrey, Sgt. 1st Class Edward Cole, Sgt. 1st Class James Carroll, Sgt. 1st Class Antheo Green, Sgt. 1st Class Lorene Reynolds, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Aquino and Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Biala, with each performing a special task, saved the life of one of their Soldiers.

"We just came from doing physical training – an interval running program – and we were walking back when the Soldier started blacking out and initially starting seizing," Dunlap said.

Dunlap immediately made sure the Soldier's head was in a neutral position and continued checking his pulse.

"I heard a faint pulse, then the pulse went away and his breathing stopped," Dunlap said.

McCaffrey started performing compressions and Cole began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while Dunlap continued monitoring the Soldier's pulse.

"When the automated external defibrillator arrived, we got the chest pads on and began the evaluation and analyzing," Dunlap said. "When the AED voiced to shock and the area was cleared, we shocked the patient, continued with CPR and compressions, then he started breathing. By the time the ambulance arrived, he was breathing and conscious.

Before McCaffrey and the others jumped in to help, he was standing off to the side trying to get

his troops in formation when he saw the Soldier go down.

"I ran over and Cole got there before me. We held the Soldier when he was seizing so he wouldn't hurt himself," McCaffrey said.

"When he stopped breathing, we were already in the perfect position, so Cole starting doing rescue breathing and I started doing chest compressions," McCaffrey added. "From there, it was like a movie scene."

While Dunlap, McCaffrey, and Cole were working on the patient, Carroll – who initially called 911 – was on the phone with the dispatcher, while Aquino ran back and forth providing the current patient status until the ambulance and fire chief arrived.

"Once the fire chief arrived and the Soldier was breathing, I was able to hang up and go outside and figured out it was one of my Soldiers," Carroll said. "We've had Soldiers go down before, but nothing this serious. It was pretty scary, but we had a good team and everybody helped out and knew what to do."

"I helped control the crowd, made sure the ambulance was being flagged down, and made sure the barriers were out of the way for the ambulance to get through," Green said. "Whatever mission wasn't being taken care of,



Photo by Esther Garcia

(From left, back row) Lt. Col. Peter Lehning, commander, 232nd Medical Battalion, Sgts. 1st Class Richard Aquino, Antheo Green, James Green, Douglas Biala, Lt. Col. William Lachance, commander, 32nd Medical Brigade, and Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Tharp. (Kneeling, from left) Sgt. 1st Class Edward Cole, Staff Sgts. Philip McCaffrey and David Dunlap. Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center & School (fourth from left) presented each Soldier with the commander's coin for their quick actions that saved a Soldier's life.

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# Focus on fire safety during spring cleaning chores

Spring is here and for many that means it's time for spring cleaning. The Lackland Fire Department sends the following tips to help people keep fire safety in mind.

## Filters

- Check the furnace filter once a month and replace or clean as needed. Some filters are reusable and may be removed, washed with a hose and re-inserted. A dirty filter lowers the efficiency of heating and cooling systems, increases costs, and can cause fires.
- Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter. Keeping the area clean of cooking grease can prevent a stovetop fire from spreading.

## Electrical system

- Look for burn marks at the main electrical panel; they can be a sign of arcing inside the panel, often caused by loose connections or damaged insulation, which can easily lead to a fire. Only a qualified electrician should remove the front panel cover.
- Trip and reset the circuit breakers regularly.
- Remove combustible materials such as paper boxes or flammable liquids from the area near the main electrical panel. Sparks caused by arcing inside the panel can ignite materials stored nearby.
- Check all electrical outlets for loose-fitting plugs, an indication of a worn out receptacle. Worn receptacles can cause overheating and

fires and should be replaced.

- Have a qualified electrician diagnose and fix any switches, outlets, or receptacles that aren't working. Electrical outlets and switches that aren't working properly can cause fires inside the walls of your house.
- Install safety covers to help protect children from electrical shock. Any appliance or tool that gives even the slightest shock should be unplugged and checked by an electrician or repair shop.

## Light bulbs

Make sure light bulbs are the correct wattage recommended by the light fixture manufacturer. If the wattage limit of a fixture is exceeded, heat produced inside the fixture can lead to fire

inside the fixture, ceiling or wall.

## Air conditioner

Air conditioning systems should be regularly inspected and maintained by a professional air conditioning contractor. Maintenance should include:

- cleaning the evaporator coil;
- lubricating fans and motors;
- tightening or changing the belts;
- checking electrical safeties;
- checking the drain pan for leaks;
- testing the capacitors;
- checking the condensate drain;
- testing the crankcase heater;
- calibrating the thermostat;
- visually checking the

wiring for potential short circuits;

- checking the condensation hose for blockage;
- cleaning the outside condensing unit screen of leaves, and;
- listening for unusual noises.

## Water heaters

- Check to make sure gas-fired water heaters are venting properly; improper ventilation can cause carbon monoxide and other combustibles to build up in the home. Light a match next to the vent and wave it out (don't blow it out). The smoke should be pulled up into the vent; if it isn't, have a professional inspect and repair the heater.
- Check around the base of the water heater for evidence of leaks. If the water heater is more than five years old, it should be checked monthly for any leakage or rusting at the bottom. If water leakage or rust is found, the water heater should be replaced.

## Clothes dryer

- Clean the clothes

dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer. Poor maintenance allows lint to build up in the exhaust duct and cause fire.

## General safety

- Replace all brittle, worn, or damaged extension cords. Exposed wires may cause arcing, which will produce heat and can start a fire. Care should also be taken to keep appliances and their power cords away from water or a heat source because this will damage the cord's insulation.
- Review fire escape plans with your family.
- Always have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible. Make sure it is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed or Factory Mutual (FM) approved, and check the gauges to make sure they are charged and ready to use.
- Inspect and clean dust from the covers of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

*(Courtesy of Lackland Fire Department)*

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calculus, and if you didn't take calculus your senior year, you didn't qualify once you got to college to get into engineering, architecture, medicine or pharmacy classes."

Her father insisted she be allowed to take algebra in ninth grade.

Prior to her political career, Van de Putte was a pharmacist for more than 31 years. She said her father always told everyone she was smartest girl in her class.

"Of course I wasn't, but because my father said I was, I thought that I could be," the senator said.

A former five-term

state representative, Van de Putte is currently serving her fifth term as a Texas State Senator for District 26. She is currently Chair of the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee and serves as a member of the Senate committees on Education, State Affairs, and Business and Commerce.

She encouraged everyone to praise young girls for being smart, not just pretty.

"Know that your words matter to those young women [in your lives]," she said. "Now, today's young women can accomplish anything; there is not one field that is closed."



## MILITARY CITY USA 5K RUN



**Courtesy of the 502nd Force Support Squadron**

Runners cross the finish line March 26 during the Military City USA 5K Run at Fort Sam Houston. With more than 900 participants, Christopher Silva was the overall individual winner. Company B, 264th Medical Battalion won the five-person guidon event; Company G, 232nd Medical Battalion, won the 28-man formation; and Company C, 232nd Medical Battalion won the tug-of-war event. More than 2,000 service members and civilians came out to watch the run and other events.

## RIDE 2 RECOVERY



**Photo by Maria Gallegos**

Brooke Army Medical Center wounded warriors (from left) 1st Lt. Michael Taylor, Cpl. Luke McDermott, Staff Sgt. Ivan Valentine and Maj. Yancy Baer, who are assigned to the Warrior in Transition Battalion, get ready to participate in the 4th annual Ride 2 Recovery Texas Challenge March 28 at the Center for the Intrepid. More than 200 cyclists, including retired wounded veterans and their supporters, started their six-day ride through central Texas with overnight stops in San Marcos, Austin, Fort Hood, Waco, Cleburne and Arlington. Ride 2 Recovery sponsors support and raise funds to assist wounded veterans in their rehabilitation process.

# JBSA spells disaster relief; leaders meet local emergency planners

By Brent Boller  
502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins on June 1, so Joint Base San Antonio leadership and staff met last week at the San Antonio Emergency Operations Center at Brooks City-Base to review the process for requesting military aid by state and local governments.

District Fire Chief Larry Trevino is the soon-to-be appointed emergency management coordinator for the City of San Antonio.

"It's good to see who we need to call," Trevino said as he addressed Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn, commander, 59th Medical Wing and Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, commander, 502nd Air Base Wing/Joint

Base San Antonio.

Two natural disaster nightmare scenarios keep some Texas emergency planners up at night, according to Col. Sean Kavanagh, emergency preparedness liaison officer for Texas.

One event is a category four or five hurricane affecting the Rio Grande Valley, resulting in catastrophic flooding. Kavanagh said some one to two million people could need to be evacuated and would head north to San Antonio.

Kavanagh said the other disaster would involve an earthquake along the New Madrid Fault, which affects several southern and Midwestern states.

In the early 1800s, quakes along this fault line rang church bells on the east coast and

caused the Mississippi River to run backwards. A quake today in this now densely populated area would likely result in massive death and property damage.

San Antonio would almost certainly become an evacuation point in both scenarios and during any other natural or man-made disaster which threatened Texas or surrounding states.

That's when Joint Base San Antonio installations could be asked by state and local authorities to provide major support in evacuee and aircraft sheltering, transportation, medical care and other needs.

The Joint Base structure mandated by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure legislation streamlines the process for requesting military



Photo by Brent Boller

Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, (right) 502nd Air Base Wing/Joint Base San Antonio commander, makes a point as Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn, 59th Medical Wing commander, looks on. The generals, along with the JBSA staff, visited the San Antonio Emergency Operations Center last week for a briefing on Defense Support of Civil Authorities in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

resources.

"Civil authorities now have one point of

contact for requesting help, and that's the 502nd Air Base Wing,"

Patrick said. "In the past they had to contact each base."

## HHC, 106TH SIGNAL BRIGADE CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY



Photo by Steve Elliott

1st Sgt. Gilbert Acevedo Jr. (right) prepares to unsheath the NCO Sword held by Command Sgt. Maj. Derrick Taylor (center), 106th Signal Brigade command sergeant major, as 1st Sgt. Katrina Y. Goodley looks on during a change of responsibility for the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 106th Signal Brigade, March 25 at the Quadrangle. Goodley served as the company's first sergeant since October 2009 and is retiring after 23 years in the U.S. Army, all spent in the signals field. Acevedo, a 30-year Army veteran, takes over as first sergeant after serving as noncommissioned officer in charge of the S-3 operations center since September 2010.



# New facility provides realistic training for firefighters

By Steve Elliott  
FSH News Leader

A new live fire training facility for the 502<sup>nd</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire Emergency Services team had its official opening March 29 and will allow firefighters to train in a dedicated, safe, realistic environment with no impact on base services.

Construction on the three-story training tower, located at Building 3202 on Petroleum Road, began in March 2010 and was finished in December 2010.

Resembling a residential building, the four-level structure was built in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards and cost approximately \$750,000 to construct.

"This will not only enhance and maintain the skills of Fort Sam Houston firefighters, but also benefit to our local mutual aid cooperators who also train here," said Col. Mary A. Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander, who assisted in cutting the ribbon to officially open the facility.

Fort Sam Houston has signed a mutual



Col. Mary A. Garr, 502nd Mission Support Group commander, assists in cutting the ribbon to officially open the new fire training facility.

aid agreement with the city of Alamo Heights in 2010, enabling the municipality to use its training facilities and response to emergencies within the hamlet as if they were generated from their own premises.

The interlocal agreement allows Fort Sam Houston's firefighting force to assist Alamo Heights should a major fire occur, according to an article in the North Central News. FSH firefighters have also reached training and mutual aid agreements with fire departments in Terrell Hills, Olmos Park and Shavano Park, near Camp Bullis.

After taking part in the ribbon cutting, Garr accompanied Lt. Rayna Dempsey on a tour of the facility to get a close look at the four work-deck levels of the 30-foot tower, which is equipped for rappelling

and laddering. It has burn rooms on the first and second floors, a confined space silo; chop-out hatches and rappelling rings.

A demonstration of the first-floor burn room saw two firefighters light



Col. Mary A. Garr and Lt. Rayna Dempsey check on the rising temperature from outside one of the facility's two burn rooms, where the temperature can reach from 700 to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

a pile of hay, paper and wood on fire. The fire was allowed to build, as temperature monitors on the outer walls helped assure proper heat control in burn areas, which can reach temperatures of 700 to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

After burning for several minutes as guests at the ceremony watched, a pair of FSH firefighters moved in to quickly extinguish the flames

and make sure the fire was completely out.

"This building provides training for a variety of exercises such as live fire training, hose advancement, fire attack, ventilation, search and rescue, laddering and rappelling, roof penetrations, confined space exercises, high angle rescue operations and more," said FSH fire chief Curtis Williams.



A pair of firefighters work on putting out the burn room blaze during a live fire demonstration.

# Maxwell named as Excellence in Education finalist

By Jayne Hatton  
Fort Sam Houston ISD

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School fifth grade teacher, Dr. Kathy Maxwell, was recognized March 24 as a teacher finalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award.

H-E-B launched the Excellence in Education Awards program in cooperation with the Texas Association of School Administrators in 2002 as a positive way to support public education. The program recognizes teachers, principals and school districts – one large and one small.

“We are ecstatic that Dr. Maxwell has received this prestigious award,” said Dr. Gail Siller, FSHISD superintendent.



Courtesy Photo

Kate Rogers, Dr. Gail Siller, Tonya Hyde, H-E-B Buddy, Dr. Kathy Maxwell, Dr. Cem Maxwell and Kimberly Harle pose for a photo during a campus recognition ceremony March 24.

“This award reflects her long-term commitment and dedication to the education of students.”

The Fort Sam Houston School District is very familiar with the awards program, having earned the 2007 H-E-B Award

for Excellence in Education in the small district category.

News of her selection was kept a secret until

H-E-B visited with balloons, cake and flowers.

As a teacher finalist, Maxwell also received a \$1,000 check for herself and a second \$1,000 for the school.

“Kathy Maxwell is a teacher leader on our campus,” Tonya Hyde, elementary principal said.

“She has served on numerous committees, designed a successful after school science exploration program and is a Student Council sponsor.”

Each nominee completed an application to highlight their professional experiences, educational philosophies and achievements both in and out of the classroom. Judges narrowed the field from 223 semifinalists to 40 individual statewide finalists.

Maxwell is competing for the Lifetime

Achievement Award, which salutes teachers with more than 20 years of experience.

During her educational career, she has been a university professor, directed the instruction for young children and is in her 14 year of teaching at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.

“Mrs. Maxwell helps us with the hardest questions,” Mackenzie Conner said. “She teaches us hints, movements and acronyms to help us learn difficult information.”

The finalists will go on to compete at the statewide level in May.

Finalists will participate in personal interviews before a panel of judges announce the grand prize winners comprised of two principals, six teachers and two school districts.



**FSHISD  
WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES  
APRIL 4-8**

**Fort Sam Houston Elementary School  
April 4**

Fifth grade TAKS Math

**April 5**  
Fifth grade TAKS Reading

**April 7**  
Fifth grade TAKS make up

**April 9**  
Spirit Day

**Robert G. Cole Middle/High School**

Spring Book Fair all week

**April 4**  
Eighth grade TAKS and TAKS M Math

Golf District Tournament at Woodlake Golf Course, TBA  
Cougar Pride Club meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**April 5**  
Eighth grade TAKS and TAKS Reading  
“Day Without Shoes” Awareness

Day  
Baseball vs. Randolph at Converse City Park, JV at 4:30 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m.

**April 6**  
JV/Varsity boys and girls District Tennis at Starcke Park, Seguin, 8 a.m.  
Mr. Cole Competition in Moseley Gym \$2 admission, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
(proceeds will benefit the 2011 Junior Class)

**April 7**  
JV/V Boys and Girls District Tennis at Starcke Park in Seguin, 8 a.m.  
Eighth grade TAKS make-up sessions for Math and Reading  
JV/V Boys and Girls Track at Dilley High School half day (finals only)

**April 8**  
Advisory Schedule – end of day high school assembly in Cole Gym  
Baseball vs. Marion at Cole, 4:30 p.m.

**Best-selling author speaks to elementary students**

**By Jayne Hatton**  
Fort Sam Houston ISD

Trevor Romain, best-selling author and motivational speaker, addressed elementary school students March 22 about setting goals, developing friendships, reporting incidents of bullying, seeking support from family members and shared specific strategies to deal with deployment.

For more than 20 years, Romain has traveled to schools and military bases worldwide using gentle humor, original music and a compassionate storyline, to share practical and helpful advice for students.

In partnership with the United Services Organization and Department of Defense, Romain has developed resources to comfort military children

and their families through deployments, and recently released resources to help children of wounded Soldiers.

Students immediately began using new strategies at home. One student is mailing a deck of cards to his father while another student is placing beads on a chain necklace to count down the remaining days of a deployment.

“Trevor Romain and his team had a profound impact on the lives of our students,” said elementary principal Tonya Hyde.

“Not only did they walk away with strategies they could use immediately, each student will receive a DVD to view with their family and a journal for self expression with original artwork and writing prompts.”

**Cole cheerleaders sweep first-ever competition**

**By Robert E. Hoffmann**  
Robert G. Cole High School

The Robert G. Cole High School cheerleaders took home first place in the “Small Varsity High School” division, first place in the overall high school category, and the outstanding showmanship award during the “Cheer & Dance/Drill Team America” competition held March 26 at Sea World.

This was the Cougarettes’ first competition; and though fielding only a six-girl squad, they swept the 16-team field.

Cole’s cheerleaders consist of Team Captain Michael Scott, Grace Larsen, Eileen Garcia-Sanchez, Kyla Welch, Kelli Coleman and Arie Roa-Ramos. Kayla Hall-



**Courtesy Photo**

The Cole High School Cheerleaders proudly display their first place trophies from the “Cheer & Dance/Drill Team America” competition held March 26 at Sea World. (From left) Eileen Garcia-Sanchez, Arie Roa-Ramos, Kyla Welch, Jordan Bell, Kelli Coleman, Team Captain Michael Scott, and Grace Larsen.

strom and Jordan Bell served as team spotters. The cheer squad is lead

by second year coach Jennifer Fuini. “Being our first com-

petition, this was a great experience and lots of fun,” Scott said.



# Central American military commanders gather for ARSOUTH conference

By Eric R. Lucero  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army South hosted military commanders from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua for a conference at ARSOUTH headquarters at Fort Sam Houston March 14 through 17. The meetings focused on building relationships to meet regional challenges.

During the conference, the Central American commanders briefed their nation's military posture and identified critical current areas of concern.

Many of the common topics included natural disasters, countering illegal trafficking and border security. The briefings also stressed the importance of police professionalization, maritime interdiction and anti-gang efforts.

For many of the commanders, this

was a rare opportunity to communicate in an open forum with the other members of the region and address shared problems.

"The conference gathers army commanders together and brings us up to date as to what's going on in their countries," said Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz, ARSOUTH deputy commanding general. "One of the great benefits is that it also gives all an opportunity to really get to know each other."

Through dialogue, the commanders were able to understand the growing concerns of illegal drug production and trafficking within Central America and how these problems affect each other as neighbors.

"We've been able to identify themes and threats which concern us within the region," said Brig. Gen. Cesar Adonay Acosta Bonilla, Salvadoran army chief of staff.



(From right) Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, commander of U.S. Army South, discusses aspects of the Soldier Medic Training Site at Camp Bullis to Maj. Gen. Oscar Salvador Balladares Cardoza, Nicaraguan army chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Juan Jose Ruiz Morales, chief of staff of National Defense of Guatemala, and Col. Wilfredo Efrain Oliva Lopez, commander of the Honduran army.

"Together, with the cooperation and support of U.S. Army South, we're confident we can overcome these threats."

The conference encouraged each

commander to develop new ways to improve partner nation capabilities.

"We cannot face these problems effectively if we don't work together," said Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, ARSOUTH commanding general. "We can exchange ideas, tactics, and techniques to better our capacity to combat the problems of our region."

After the briefings at ARSOUTH's headquarters, the group visited U.S. Soldiers conducting various forms of military training to include military operations in urban terrain, patrol and convoy operation techniques and combat medic skills at Camp Bullis.

In light of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the interoperability and partnerships generated by the leaders' conference can be instrumental in prompt responses during emergencies, which is a crucial determining factor in saving lives.

"Through this conference, commanders can develop relationships that in times of natural disasters or mutual need, they can reach toward each other for support," Ortiz said.

In addition to strengthening partnerships, the main goal of ARSOUTH Leaders Program is to promote security cooperation, stability and peace in Central America.



Maj. Gen. Oscar Salvador Balladares Cardoza, Nicaraguan army chief of staff, gives a briefing on his nation's current military posture during a conference at ARSOUTH headquarters March 14 to 17.



Capt. Chris Montoya, physician assistant and officer in charge of the Soldier Medic Training Site at Camp Bullis, explains a medical training procedure to Brig. Gen. Cesar Adonay Acosta Bonilla, Salvadoran army chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. Juan Jose Ruiz Morales, chief of staff of National Defense of Guatemala, with the help of Ramon E. Berrio, ARSOUTH command translator.

Photos by Eric R. Lucero



# ARNORTH teams assisting military families returning from Japan

By Don Manuszewski  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

In support of Operation Pacific Passage, military and civilian members of U. S. Army North took the lead in setting up three reception centers on the U.S. West Coast and one in Denver to assist nearly 4,000 military family members who voluntarily returned to the United States in the aftermath of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami March 11.

With short notice, Army North's Defense Coordinating Element in Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X set up a Joint Reception Coordination Center March 19 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in SeaTac, Wash., while the DCE in FEMA Region IX set up a JRCC the following day at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. – both within 24 hours of being notified of the requirement.

The Denver JRCC was set up by the DCE from FEMA Region VIII and has been ready to start receiving the families since March 22, with a flight of family members and pets arriving March 24.

"We have an amazing team here," said Col. Michael McCormick, Army North's defense coordinating officer in the FEMA Region X.

"From the people at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Naval Region Northwest to the many civilian agencies like the Red Cross and the USO, we're all working together to make this happen for the Department of Defense family members returning from Japan," McCormick added. "Their care, comfort and rapid transit to safe haven destinations is our mission."

The team at SEATAC was the first to stand up and started receiving its first families March 20. As of March 23, the team had welcomed back more than 2,000 family members and nearly 100 pets.

The second team at Travis AFB began opera-

tions March 22 and has already assisted about nearly 2,000 people and numerous pets. The majority of that team is made up from the many service members who make Travis home on a day-to-day basis.

"It's a great experience and a great opportunity," said Capt. Matt Reed, Travis AFB veterinarian, who is on hand should any of the pets traveling with the families need his services.

"With so many people transiting through the facilities at the JRCCs, it's been quite a feat to help the families get to their ultimate destination, but everyone is working together to make sure the affected families have the best customer service possible," Reed said.

"This is absolutely wonderful," said Katie Coleman, whose husband, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Coleman, stayed behind at Misawa Air Base, Japan. "Everything and anything we wanted to know, they had an answer for; this has been above and beyond what I expected."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Doscher

More than 140 military family members prepare to process through the Denver International Airport aerial port of debarkation March 24. DIA, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Wash., and Travis Air Force Base, Calif., are receiving flights of military families who voluntarily left Japan as part of Operation Pacific Passage following the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan March 11.

In Denver, the JRCC team was all set to assist the military family members as they disembarked the aircraft the afternoon of March 24. The Denver JRCC received two flights and was set to receive about two more.

"I am confident we are ready to receive the families because they are our own," said Col. Marc Hutson, DCO, Region VIII.

All teams understand the impact they can have on not only those families but the bonds they are making within the teams.

"We want to smooth this out the best



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Nathan Lockwood

A medic meets with family members as they process through the Joint Reception Coordination Center inside the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport March 22 as part of a Voluntary Authorized Departure from Japan. U.S. Army North is heading up operations to welcome home the family members as the supporting command for U.S. Northern Command at three Joint Reception Coordination Centers in the continental United States. The other two sites are Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif., and Denver International Airport.

we can so we can relieve the stress (the families) are experiencing," said Air Force Col. Jeff Snyder, from the 60th Medical Group at Travis AFB. "I'm enjoying working with the defense coordinating element to make this work."

The JRCCs are expected to continue receiving the military families voluntarily leaving Japan as those families decide to leave.

*(Also contributing to this story: Lt. Col. Randy Martin, Army North PAO; Tom Saunders, Air Force Northern; Sgt. 1st Class Marshall Smith, DCE Region 8.)*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Doscher

Army Col. Marc Hutson, U.S. Army North's defense coordination officer for FEMA Region 8, briefs members of the media about flights coming into Denver International Airport from Japan as part of Operation Pacific Passage. DIA received its first flight of 144 people March 24 as part of the voluntary departure of military families from Japan following the earthquake and tsunami that struck the country March 11.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Doscher

Petty Officer 1st Class Laurie Roods, Navy Operational Support Center Denver, helps Gloria Loveday find her cat after landing at Denver International Airport March 24. Members of all four military branches are working in support of the aerial port of debarkation at DIA as part of Operation Pacific Passage.



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Nathan Lockwood

Family members take a few moments to relax as their parents or guardians process through the Joint Reception Coordination Center inside the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport March 22 as part of a Voluntary Authorized Departure from Japan.



Force Support Squadron

Family & MWR

Announcements

**Swim Lessons**  
The last winter session of youth swimming lessons begins April 4. The class is for children 6-16 years old and taught in accordance with the American Red Cross standards. Cost is \$40 per child. Registration is required. Summer lessons will begin in June. To register, call 221-1234.

**American Red Cross Life Guard Certification Class**  
The class will be held April 9, 10, 16 and 17 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center's Indoor Pool. Registration is \$160 and includes all books required. Participants will receive first aid instruction, cardiopulmonary resuscitation mask and CPR automated external defibrillators for infant, child and adult. To register, call 221-1234.

**Golf Fee Increase**  
Beginning April 1 there will be an increase of annual golf fees at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Call 222-9386 or visit <http://www.FortSamHoustonMWR.com> for details.

**Discounted Fiesta Tickets**  
The Ticket Office will be selling discounted tickets for NIOSA, Oyster Bake and Taste of New Orleans. The Ticket Office is located inside the Sam Houston Club, Building 1395, Chaffee Road. Call 226-1663.

**Outdoor Movie Nights**  
Mark your calendars — April 15, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" at the flagpole; April 16 "Toy Story 3" at Dodd Field; April 29, "TRON: Legacy" at the flagpole and April 30, "Tangled" at Dodd Field. All movies begin around 8 p.m. Call 221-2418/2704.

**Operation Baby Shower**  
Sign up now for the 3rd Annual Operation Baby Shower May 13, 2-6 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center. This event is for expecting parents and those with babies under 1 year old. Call 221-0349, 221-2418 or visit <http://operationbabyshower2011.wufoo.com/forms/3rd-annual-operation-baby-shower-registration/>.

Calendar of Events

**March 31**  
**Tips to Deal with Bullying**  
The class is 11:30 a.m.-1: 30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797.

**April 1**  
**Child Abuse Prevention Month Ceremony**  
The ceremony is 10-11:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. All are welcome. Call 221-0349/2705.

**Monthly Wounded Warrior Scramble**  
The scramble begins at 1 p.m. Open to the public. The entry fee is \$25, which includes cart rental, greens fees and admission to the social at the clubhouse immediately following play. To register, call 222-9386.

**April 2**  
**Family Fun Day**  
Youth T-ball, Softball and Baseball will open the day begins at 8 a.m. with the National Anthem and the first pitch of the season. In honor of Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Awareness Month, following the first pitch, other activities start at 9 a.m. at the Youth Sports Complex adjacent to Building 1630. There will be a child safety seat demonstration, free food and drinks, games and more. This event is free and open to all DOD cardholders and family members. Call 221-4492.

**Cowboys For Heroes**  
Fort Sam Houston will host

Cowboys for Heroes 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Equestrian Center. There will be free authentic cowboy food, a Buffalo Soldier demonstration, activities, horse rides and concert. Call 221-3185.

**April 4**  
**Step-Families 101**  
The class is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/2705.

**Bank Account Management**  
The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

**Intramural Spring Flag Football**  
Letter of intent are due April 4. Contact the Sports Office at 221-3003 or stop by the 32nd Medical Brigade Gym, Building 1281 on Garden Road.

**April 5**  
**Winstar Casino Trip**  
The 502nd Force Support Squadron Ticket Office will provide round trip transportation and an overnight stay to the Winstar Casino in Thackerville, Okla. Advance registration is required. Fees are \$50 each for double occupancy and \$100 for single occupancy. Must be at least 21 years old. Call 226-1663.

**Unit Family Readiness Training**  
The training is 10-11 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month Kick-Off**  
The ceremony is 10:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349/0598.

**Basics of Breastfeeding**  
The class is 12:30-2 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. Call 221-0349.

**Budget Development**  
The class is 2-4 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-2380.

**Precious Minds New Connections**  
The eight-part series beginning April 5, 6-8 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

**April 6**  
**Breastfeeding Support Group**  
The class is 10-11:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

**Negotiating Conflict**  
The class is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

**Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness class**  
The class is noon-2 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. To register, call 221-1612.

**Virtual Family Readiness Group**  
The class is 2-3 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. To register, call 221-1829/0946.

**The 5 Love Languages**  
This two-session class is April 6 and 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797. To register, call 221-0349.

**April 7**  
**Army Family Team Building-Level 2**  
The class is April 7 and 14, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Dodd Chapel Training Room. To register, call 221-2611.

**April 10**  
**Fiesta & Fireworks**  
Fort Sam Houston's Fiesta & Fireworks, will be 1-9 p.m. at MacArthur Parade Field. Enjoy live entertainment, a wide variety of food and beverages, elaborate military ceremonies and fireworks finale. Open to the public. Free admission and parking.

**April 15**  
**Talent Contest**  
The deadline to register is April 15. The show will be held May 5 from 7-10:30 p.m. Open to DOD I.D. card holders. First place/\$150, second place/\$100, third place/\$50. The top three place winners will automatically advance to this year's Festival of the Performing Arts Show. All entrants must register by April 15. Call 224-7250 or 221-4016.



## Announcements

### Diabetes Study

Do you have Type 2 diabetes? Are you overweight? You may be a candidate for a research study entitled, "Sleeve gastrectomy versus medical management for remission of diabetes in mild to moderately obese patients." Candidates must be military medical beneficiaries (retired and family members of active duty and retired), 18-65 years old, diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and on medication. Active duty personnel are unable to participate. Call 292-2210.

### Painkiller Study

Wilford Hall Medical Center is conducting a study regarding the use of hydrocodone. Participants will be compensated at the conclusion of the study. Email [kcarey@gvtc.com](mailto:kcarey@gvtc.com) for information.

### Federal Recognition Award

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is accepting nominations for the 2011 Federal Recognition Award. Outstanding employees may be nominated in one of ten categories including administrative support, specialist, law enforcement, exceptional student, professional, customer service, deployed military member, supervisor, small teamwork and large teamwork. To apply, go to <http://www.sanantoniofeb.org>. All nominations must be e-mailed to [afpc.afeb.workflow@randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc.afeb.workflow@randolph.af.mil) no later than April 1. Call 565-1860 for information.

### Association for Global Logistics and Transportation

The San Antonio Chapter's Association for Global Logistics and Transportation, National Defense Transportation Association brings members together from military, government, and commercial sectors to share experiences from all realms of logistics. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Grady's BBQ, 6510 San Pedro Ave. All are welcome. Call 652-3305 or 830-422-1547.

### Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Harris Heights Community Center on Patch Road. All active duty Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-3887 for information.

### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-5194.

### Spouses' Club Scholarships

Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston area is now accepting applications for 2011 Scholarships and Welfare distributions. Applications are available at <http://www.scfsh.com>. Application deadline is April 1. For scholarship info, call

241-0811 and for welfare info, call 789-3861.

### Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.

## Calendar of Events

### April 2 Community Sale

Esplanade Gardens Assisted Living, 10790 Toepperwein Rd. in Converse will hold a community sale 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Items can be donated for the sale or individuals or organizations can rent a sales space for \$30. Call 566-7600 to reserve a sales space, donate items, or for information.

### San Antonio Warriors Football

The San Antonio Warriors invites Military members and their families to Blossom/Comalander Stadium, 12002 Jones Maltsberger, at 7 p.m. for a minor professional football game. Military with I.D. get in free, \$5 for family members and children 5 and under are free.

Visit <http://www.sawarriorsfootball.com> for information.

### April 3 Lowrider Festival

Centro Cultural Aztlan presents the 29th annual Lowrider Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at Mateo Camargo Park, Highway 90 West at Callaghan. Enjoy classic cars, trucks, food, games, music and family fun. Admission is \$10/ adults and children are free. Call 432-1896.

### April 7 Military Appreciation at Fiesta Carnival

Anyone with a military I.D. card can get an unlimited-ride wristband for \$10, a 50 percent discount, from 6-11 p.m. The Fiesta Carnival runs April 6-17 at the Alamodome's Parking Lot C. Visit <http://www.wadeshows.com> and click on the Fiesta link for information.

### April 8 Sidewalk Sale

IHG Army Hotels is having a sidewalk sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the back parking lot of the Powless

Guest House near Brooke Army Medical Center. Items for sale include furniture, artwork and VCRs. Call 357-2705 ext. 5142 for information.

### April 9 Caminada de Fiesta Walk

The Fort Sam Houston Texas Wanderers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk starting at the U. S. Army Medical Department Museum, 3410 Stanley Road, Building 1046. Walks start between 7:30 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 658-2160 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/Texas-Wanderers/>.

### May 6 Golf Tournament

Members of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade will host a golf tournament May 6 at the Palmer Course at La Cantera. The tournament will benefit the Army Emergency Relief Fund. Check-in time will be 11 a.m. with tee off at 1 p.m. The \$75 cash registration covers green fees, fully stocked golf cart and AER donation. Deadline for registration is April 1. Call 246-3010 or 221-7581.

## 2011 JOINT SERVICES LUNCHEON

Vicky Miller (left) and Molly Spencer (right), members of Lackland Officer Spouses' Club, dance to 1940s swing music played by the 323rd Army Band, Jimmy B and the X-rays, March 22 during the 2011 Joint Services Spouses' Luncheon at the Bright Shawl in downtown San Antonio. More than 200 spouses from Fort Sam Houston, Randolph Air Force Base and Lackland AFB clubs attended the event hosted by the Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area. For more information, visit <http://www.scfsh.com>.

Photo by Ed Dixon



## REMINDER CALENDAR

- March 31** Consolidated Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 9 a.m., FSH Quadrangle
- April 1** Child Abuse Prevention Ceremony, 10-11:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center
- April 2** Family Fun Day, 8 a.m.-noon, Youth Sports Complex adjacent to Building 1630
- April 2** Cowboys for Heroes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., FSH Equestrian Center
- April 5** Sexual Assault Awareness Month Kick-Off, 10:30 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center
- April 10** Fiesta & Fireworks, 1-9 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field

### Thought of the Week

*Get your facts first and then you can distort them as much as you please.*

— Mark Twain



# Lenten and Passover Activities

## CATHOLIC

**April 7, 14**

Stations of the Cross – 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel

**April 17 Palm Sunday**

- Normal Worship Service Schedule
- Archbishop at 9:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Seder Supper, 4 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel

**April 18**

- Dinner – 5:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel

- Confirmation – 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**April 20**

- Presentation of “Shroud of Turin,” 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**April 21 Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

- Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 5:30 at the Main Post Chapel

- 7 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel
- April 22 Good Friday**
- Passion, 11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel
- Passion, 7 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel

**April 23**

- Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**April 24 Easter**

- Regularly Scheduled Worship Service Schedule

## PROTESTANT

**April 17 Palm Sunday**

- Choir Cantata, 8 and 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**April 21**

Living Last Supper, 7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**April 22 Good Friday**

- Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m. at the

AMEDD Chapel

**April 24 Easter**

- Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Military Housing Office 407 Dickman Rd.
- Regularly Scheduled Worship Service Schedule

## JEWISH

**April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

- Shabbat Services, 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

**April 18-26 Passover**

**April 18-19 Seder**

- (Call Lay Leader, 379-8666 for information.)

**April 22**

- Sabbath Passover, 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Kosher food following YESKOR Memorial Service (8th Day of Passover) (call 379-8666 for information)

## SOLDIER from P9

I filled that void.”

Green said that after the incident, he told his students that they saw what seasoned combat medics can do and this is what they are all training for.

When Biala saw the Soldier on the ground he immediately yelled for ice sheet because he thought it was a heat injury. “I saw they were performing CPR, so I ran over and helped by taking off his clothes, helped moved barriers and went back to the patient to remove his socks and shoes.

“I’ve never done this

before in real life, only in training,” Biala said. “This shows we are well trained and all the training we learned actually works.”

Maj. Gen. David Rubenstein, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center & School, thanked each Soldier involved and presented each with a commander’s coin at Delta Company March 25.

“I’m just glad the outcome was good,” Cole said. “The whole company was involved and everyone was there for support. Everyone was looking out for each other. One team, one fight.”



**For Sale:** 2006 Yamaha Majesty 400cc scooter, 15,000 miles, \$3,500. Call 260-6237.

**For Sale:** Brown leather couch, \$200. Call 385-0415.

**For Sale:** New digital photo frame, 10-inch display screen, 512MB, holds 2500 images, \$75. Call 330-6417.

**For Sale:** Complete oak dining room set with china cabinet, large oval table and six chairs, excellent condition, \$500 obo; queen-size sleeper sofa, teal green, vinyl leather look, good condition, \$175; small kitchen table and four backless stools, \$75; long blonde wig, good condition, \$75; two short blonde wigs, good condition, \$25 each. Call 789-8951.

**For Sale:** Therapeutic king-size

water bed complete with heater, wood-frame, six drawer pedestal, headboard, recently reupholstered bed rails and lumbar support mattress with safety liner, mattress and safety liner purchased new in February this year, \$359. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** Medium-size pet carrier, \$15; boy's boots, size 10, \$25; ladies red leather boots, size 7.5, \$50, maternity clothes; party decorations. Call 412-2151.

**For Sale:** Toddler car seat, \$25; knick-knack tables, \$12; oak coffee table, \$95; kids bike, \$35; Little Tikes desk with attached seat, \$15. Call 219-4327.

**For Sale:** Entertainment center, \$50 obo; 36-inch Toshiba TV, \$275; baby monitor, \$20. Call 289-3130.

**Wanted:** Old military uniforms, green fatigues, khakis, BDUs, ACUs, ABUs, Navy dungarees, will pick up. Call 658-1643.

### Rocco Dining Facility Menu

*Dining Room Breakfast Hours:*  
*Monday-Friday 6:15-8:15 a.m., weekends and holidays 8-9:30 a.m.*

**Friday – April 1**  
**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Minestrone soup, cream of chicken soup, baked ham, roast beef, spaghetti with meat sauce, spaghetti with tomato sauce, scalloped potatoes, rice pilaf, broccoli

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Savory baked chicken, Swiss steak, baked tuna and noodles, eggplant parmesan, Kansas medley rice blend, mashed potatoes

**Saturday – April 2**  
**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**  
Beef rice soup, New England fish chowder soup, turkey patties, barbecued beef cubes, lemon-pepper fish, cheese tortellini marinara, lyonnaise potatoes, orzo with lemon and herbs

**Building 2745, Schofield Road**

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Buffalo chicken, gyros sandwiches, spicy baked fish, sweet potatoes, black beans, corn, oven browned potatoes, caviar medley rice blend

**Sunday – April 3**  
**Lunch – noon to 1:30 p.m.**  
Chicken noodle soup, corn chowder soup, chicken parmesan, beef teriyaki, grilled pork chops, broccoli-cheese-rice, steamed rice, O'Brien potatoes, vegetable stir fry

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Grilled steak, chicken cordon bleu, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, vegetarian hearty burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches, baked potatoes, sauteed onions and mushrooms, broccoli

**Monday – April 4**  
**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Creole soup, cream of broccoli soup,

cranberry glazed chicken, Italian rice and beef, grilled ham steaks, Italian broccoli pasta, lyonnaise potatoes, steamed rice, cauliflower

**Dinner – 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Roast turkey, meatball stroganoff, baked stuffed Pollock, egg noodles, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, herbed broccoli, turkey gravy, cheese manicotti

**Tuesday – April 5**  
**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Cream of mushroom soup, bean soup, roast pork tenderloin, turkey chili macaroni, shrimp jambalya, cheese ravioli, Italian roasted potato wedges, wild rice, California blend

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Pepper steaks, honey ginger chicken, grilled pork chops, whole wheat cheese pizza, mashed potatoes, steamed rice

**Wednesday – April 6**  
**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Egg drop soup, cream of chicken soup, beef stir fry, baked fried chicken, lemon fish, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, steamed rice

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Cantonese spareribs, catfish fillets, chicken tetrazzini, Japanese vegetable stir fry, sweet potatoes,

**Thursday- April 7**  
**Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Cream of tomato soup, pepper pot soup, turkey and noodles, Salisbury steaks, baked stuffed fish, vegetable curry with rice, redskin potatoes

**Dinner – 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Fish amandine, lasagna, rock cornish hens, orzo with spinach, tomatoes and onions, mashed potatoes, green bean combo

*Menus are subject to change without notice*